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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow X-JWCers, Welcome to 2020, the year of the “unprecedented”! Not sure about you, but I have heard that term used to describe just about everything that has been happening in the year of 2020. You have probably heard the term the “COVID 15” to refer to the number of pounds we all have put on during our stay at home when everyone was home making sour dough bread and other goodies. I’ve come up with a new term -- “COVID 19 Swiss Cheese Memory” relating to not being able to remember anything prior to COVID-19. If you have some more terms you came up with during this time, please share. (If they are suitable for sharing!) Some people had proposed having a “New Year’s Eve” party on the 30th of June to try to say goodbye to 2020 and start anew—it didn’t work. So here we are, ready to make the best of it.



We do have a new beginning with our GFWC/X-JWC Club year starting with our meetings in September. We weren’t sure if we wanted to try to start to meet in person or not, but since we had such a good response to the picnic that was held at the beginning of August, we thought we would give it a try. As with everything, plans are fluid (to put it mildly) and always subject to modifications.

As your new President, I have spent time trying to catch up on everything that has happened since March when we last met, wanting to do what is needed to start off on a good foot. We didn’t get an opportunity to install the new Officers for 2020/2021 last May, so hope to do that at our first meeting on the 1st of September. We have a really great slate of Officers and Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen. They have all committed to making a difference to the lives of people in our community and making our Club one that everyone will be clamoring to join!

I have been asked what my focus will be for the coming year. I have come to the conclusion after months of the pandemic past present and future, that what matters is our relationships— with our families, our friends, our communities and within our Club. If we are mindful of those in need, whether it be financially, emotionally, or relationally we will be on target to make this year one we can be proud we were a part of. So, let us join together to do the best we can, and know that what we do today is enough. Let us enjoy the company of each other and stand ready to help where needed. It will be a good year!

Your President, Kathy

CONGRATULATIONS TO GFWC X-JWC 2020 – 2021 Officers

Kathleen Petersen, President
Katherine Van Dell, 1st Vice President
Karen Lee, 2nd Vice President

Lucy Russell, Secretary
Bev Campbell, Treasurer
Joanne Bassett, Director of Membership



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Katherine Van Dell, 1st Vice President, has invited Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee to be our special guest at this meeting. She'll be able to share some information on the recent Primary and upcoming General Election. We return to the Red Lion Inn, 11:30 a.m., lunch \$13.00. Karen Lee, 2nd Vice President, says social distancing will be observed with 6 people at a table, tables spaced 6 feet apart. Donations of school supplies will be collected (see Education report below).

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE Carolyn Turbiville, Chairman

Because of Covid 19, we will be unable to volunteer in classrooms this year. There are other things we can do to keep the program going, such as taking a tray of goodies for staff to your neighborhood school. Thelma Harrell and Carolyn took a relish tray to Alta Vista School; they were very appreciative! Call the school or library where you are considering taking a donation. Ask if homemade goodies are acceptable.



We are collecting school supplies to take to the School Administration building. From there they will be dispersed to schools where they are needed. Other places and organizations in Cheyenne are also collecting school supplies, but our contacts at the school district were excited about us doing this. We will be collecting at the September and October meetings. If you can't attend and wish to donate, please call Carolyn 632-8244 and who will be happy to collect the supplies from you, or you can give money and she will buy supplies.

Suggested Supplies: #2 pencils, boxes of tissue, glue sticks, 24 count box of crayons, broad Line washable markers(10 count), large erasers (@ 2 inches long), backpack, washable childrens' facemasks, two-inch binder, pocket folders, subject dividers, loose leaf college rule paper, composition notebook, ruler, notecards, colored pencils. Each child to asked to have 3 masks.

Enchanted Hair on Logan has children's masks. There may be other places that are carrying childrens' masks. We are still collecting Box Tops for schools.



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT Karen Schroeder, Chairman X-JWC-GENERAL FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we now have three scholarships that we will be awarding each year. Willie Condron, a former member and staunch supporter of X-JWC scholarships, established a scholarship upon her death through Laramie County Community College. The name of the scholarship is "Willie Condron Memorial Scholarship, X-JWC, General Federated Women's Club". The balance of the scholarship as of December 31,

2019 was \$17,539. With the help of Bev Campbell and Carol Ash, the Committee developed a written a history of Willie Condron and her involvement in our club scholarships. The application and guidelines were established and a recipient was selected who will receive a \$400 scholarship. The recipient of the Willie Condron Memorial Scholarship is:

Katelyn Gehrig - \$400

Zoe Oman – Alternate

Two X-JWC General Federated Women’s Club Scholarships were also awarded this year in the amount of \$600 each. The recipients of the X-JWC Scholarships are:

Madison Walker - \$600

Jennifer Forest - \$600

Cassidy Weibel – Alternate

We are hoping with the students’ busy schedules, the club will be able to meet these young women in person and listen to their wonderful stories about their plans, hopes and dreams of getting a degree and their future. The X-JWC Scholarship Committee members are Karen Schroeder – Chairman, Cindy Hardesty, Norine Samuelson, Kathy Petersen, Carol Ash.

WAYS AND MEANS Karen Lee, Chairman

Three projects are **proposed and will be voted** on at the September meeting. They are:

1. Texas Roadhouse lunch
2. Big Bunco Party and Lunch
3. Meadowlarks October 31 Craft Fair at Cheyenne Frontier Days

Reminder: Standing Rule #5: All members are required to work on and/or contribute to all club Ways and Means projects.



BUNCO Karen Schroeder, Chairman

The X-JWC Bunco group has been meeting since July, 2020. Our numbers have remained steady and everyone seems to enjoy themselves. Since COVID 19 has changed our lives, our Bunco group has also changed some rules. We sanitize all the necessary items such as dice, pens, bell and also the tables and chairs. We social distance our tables and we are strongly encouraging our members to wear masks. If a member does not prefer to wear a mask, that is also acceptable.

X-JWC Bunco is held on the second Tuesday of each month at noon. Bring your lunch and visit with the other members before Bunco starts at 12:30 p.m. The game is held at the Moose Lodge, 1019 S. Greeley Highway; games are usually completed by 3 p.m. Each player pays \$5 to play. All money collected is distributed at the end of the game to the winners of various categories. If you are not familiar with the game of Bunco, please attend one of our games, and our members will be more than happy to help you learn. It is a simple game and so much fun! If you would like to come and join our group, please contact Karen Schroeder, e-mail: klikoffice@bresnan.net or 307.630.1602 or Karen Lee, e-mail: troopkaren@aol.com or 307.638.0811. Come try us, you’ll like us.

YEARBOOK UPDATE Add **Wendy Owen**, DOB 8-15, joined 2019.
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patty Benskin	9/22	Bev Rogers	9/9
Bobbi Earnshaw	9/22	Lucy Russell	9/25
Pam Nelson	9/27	Ellen Sevall	9/29
		Bea Wiss	9/2

GFWC-W STATE CONFERENCE AWARDS

Although the physical State annual conference was canceled this year, X-JWC still received a number of awards for our work during 2019. For the GFWC-W State Awards, X-JWC was in Category 3, clubs of 61 or more members as of November 2019.



GFWC-W State Awards

Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention	1st Place
Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children	2nd Place
Conservation Community Service Program	1st Place
International Outreach Community Service Program	2nd Place
Public Issues Community Service Program	1st Place
Communications and Public Relations Advancement Area	2nd Place
Fundraising Advancement Area	2nd Place
Leadership Advancement Area	2nd Place
Legislation and Public Policy Advancement Area	1st Place

Membership Anniversary Scroll

Shirley Hardscog 10 Years of Service

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Fifteenth Century - Norine Samuelson, Beth Schieck
Seventh Century – Janice Torrance
First Century - Bev Campbell, Mary Lou Marcum, Donna Martin, Barbara Turk

GFWC WYOMING FALL WORKSHOP

Fall workshop, scheduled for September 23 at Little America just prior to the Western States Region Conference, will be rescheduled due to COVID. GFWC-W President Nancy Kaufman is working to select a date and determine how to do the workshop virtually. Stay tuned!

GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION

You may recall that the 11-state Region conference was to be held in Cheyenne September 25 – 27 at Little America Hotel and Resort. Lots of hard work was already put forth getting ready for the conference when GFWC Wyoming was advised that the conference was cancelled due to COVID 19 concerns. There will be a virtual conference; when planning is complete the information for attending will be shared with members.



GFWC CELEBRATES NATIONAL WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MONTH

August 18, 2020 marked the centennial of the adoption of the 19th Amendment by 3/4 of the states, Tennessee being the deciding state, providing the support necessary under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. August 26, 2020, Women's Equality Day, marked the centennial of the 19th Amendment becoming a part of the Constitution of the United States, providing for women's suffrage.

In Wyoming, women had already been exercising their right to vote for 51 years! The Wyoming Suffrage Act was passed in 1869, when Wyoming was still a U.S. Territory.

X-JWC Board members celebrating a cup of EqualiTEA on August 26, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.



X-JWC enjoying social distancing picnic at Lion's Park in August.



Thought for the day: At various times in her life, a woman needs good looks, a good job, good investments and good credit. But the one thing a woman needs all her life.....GOOD FRIENDS !